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Report of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. By its resolution 45/215 of 21 December 1990, the General Assembly decided, *inter alia*, that the adoption and signing of the Final Act of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities should be replaced by the adoption of a procedural report of the Conference.

2. The Conference was held at United Nations Headquarters on 4 and 5 November 1998.

3. The Conference was opened by Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

B. Attendance

4. The Conference was attended by the representatives of the Governments of the following States:

Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, Niger, Norway, Oman, Panama, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Suriname, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Yemen.

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5. Representatives of the following organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations and specialized and related agencies also attended the Conference:

United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Development Fund for Women, United Nations Population Fund, United Nations International Drug Control Programme, United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

6. Representatives of the following specialized agencies also attended the Conference:

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

C. Election of officers

7. At its meeting on 4 November, the Conference elected by acclamation the following officials:

President: Mr. Sotirios Zackheos (Cyprus)

Vice-President: Mr. Gian Nicola Filippi Balestra (Republic of San Marino)

D. Documentation

8. The Conference had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretariat on operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/CONF.185/1);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on contributions pledged or paid at the 1997 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities as at 30 June 1998 (A/CONF.185/2);

(c) Background information on programmes and funds for the 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

E. Announcement of pledges

9. The Conference heard the announcement of pledges by a number of Governments to one or more programmes and funds, and took note of the fact that several Governments were not in a position to announce their contributions but proposed to communicate their announcement of such contributions to the Secretary-General as soon as they were in a position to do so after the closure of the Conference.